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SUBJECT: GREEK CONCERN OVER ALLEGED TURKISH RESETTLEMENT
PLANS

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1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED JUNE 6 ON UNDER-
SECRETARY SISCO TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER WHAT HE CHARGED
WERE UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY TURKISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES--
TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH TURKISH OR TURKISH-CYPRIOT
CIVILIAN LEADERS. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THE TURKISH MILITARY
HAS ORDERED MAINLAND FAMILIES TO CYPRUS FOR SETTLEMENT IN
KARPAS AND SOUTH OF THE NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA ROAD AND HAS

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PLANS TO RESETTLE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS IN GREEK HOMES IN

FAMAGUSTA. THE ACTIONS ARE TO TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE STRESSED THAT SUCH TURKISH ACTIONS WOULD NARROW THE NEGOTIATING MARGIN AND UNDERMINE THE VIENNA TALKS FOR WHICH THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE.

2. UNDERSECRETARY SISCO REPLIED BY AGREEING THAT ANY SUCH UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH WOULD CREATE NEW DE FACTO SITUATIONS TEND TO CONFINE THE AREA OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE ADDED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU'S JUNE 4 DEMARCHE, WE HAD ALREADY SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO

EMBASSY ANKARA TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS AND EXPECT A REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR MACOMBER SHORTLY. SISCO ALSO STRESSED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH UNILATERAL ACTIONS UNDERSCORED THE NEED TO GET ON WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT REFERENDUM, SISCO POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD NOT ALTER FUNDAMENTALLY THE DE FACTO SITUATION. WE THEREFORE HOPE IT WOULD NOT DIVERT ANYONE FROM THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS.

4. SISCO MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE BEGUN TO LAUNCH AN EFFORT IN THE HOUSE TO LIFT THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. HE ADDED THAT WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE BRUSSELS TALKS, GRATIFIED BY CARAMANLIS' STATESMANLIKE POSITION, AND WANTED TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER'S HAND IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. SISCO STRESSED ALSO THAT WHILE THERE ARE POLITICAL LIMITATIONS IN THE ANKARA SITUATION, WE BELIEVE TURKS WOULD LIKE TO FIND WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS ON CYPRUSANDOUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

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